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In re Patent Application of:)
Mats JARKRANS) Group Art Unit: 1644
Application No.: 09/646,985) Examiner: David A. Saunders
Filed: November 17, 2000) Confirmation No.: 3898
For: PROCESS FOR THE CONTINUOUS)
PURIFICATION AND)
CONCENTRATION OF)
LEUKOCYTES FROM BLOOD)

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2002 (Paper No. 10). Thus, this Response is timely filed by the August 20, 2002 due date.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 28, through page 6, line 9, with the following:

--In order to achieve lysis of the erythrocytes in buffy coat fraction, this fraction is mixed with a hypotonic solution in relation to plasma, e.g. aqueous ammonium chloride solution (e.g. 0 - 0.8% w/v) or, preferably 0.8 %, but when using lower concentrations the lysis time has to be decreased. The flow of hypotonic